



Padre Island National Seashore SandDollar



Wednesday, February 4, 2004

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} **TEL TRAINING: Feb 4 12 noon – 1:30 pm DOI Ethics**

Superintendent

Colin's schedule this week:

- Wed., 2/4 – Meeting in CC @ 10 am, Precinct 4 County Commissioner's Court.
In the Park; Fire Mgmt Plan Review @ 2 pm
- Thursday, 2/5 – In the Park; Mtg w/Neidinger @ 9 am;
Fire Refresher Training
- Friday, 2/6 – In the Park; Squad Meeting @ 8:30 am;
Spaghetti Lunch @ 12 noon

Administration

A message from Chon: "I would like to thank the "Landscape Crew" of Rudy, Margaret, Jim, Mary, Tony M., Tony G., Maria and her kids, Cynthia and Linda. Thank you so much for brightening up my yard, but more importantly brightening up my soul. Just wanted to say thank you to everyone." Chon

Katie has returned to work and will not be on the leave share program.

Leave share donation forms have been distributed to maintenance, fee station, VC, and the lunchroom. If you would like to donate leave to Chon, please complete the forms and return to Jeanie. If you cannot locate a form, contact Jeanie.

TEL Courses

Description of courses can be found at www.telnp.net

Feb 10	12:30-3:00 Administrative Grievances
Feb 11	9-11:00 Resolving Performance Issues
Feb 11	1-3:00 Dealing with misconduct and progressive discipline
Feb 18	12:30-2:30 NPS Recreation & Preservation Programs
Apr 1	Communication: The Key to Performance Management
Apr 1	From Hugger to Harasser: The True Story behind Sexual Harassment

Facility Management

The Facility Management crew has decided that we will do a fund raiser benefit every two weeks for Chon. Please don't feel obligated that you have to participate. We don't want anyone to get burned out, but Chon's crew has decided that they need to do something.

Here is a list of events for every other Friday.

February 6 All You Can Eat Spaghetti lunch for \$10 per person
We need a head count for the all you can eat Spaghetti lunch on February 6, 2004. There are sign-up sheets at Headquarters, maintenance, visitor center and the entrance station.

February 20 Silent Auction starts February 17. Feel free to bring an item

March 5 All You Can Eat BBQ plate lunch for \$10 per person

March 19
April 2

Raffle. Information to follow
Cakewalk. Information to follow.

Thanks, folks, for all your consideration and help

Interpretation

Protection

The next Pack Test will be given on March 1st. Plan on attending. Make sure you are preparing yourself for the test. Bring a 45 pound pack and be at Headquarters at 7:30 am for the pack weigh-in. After that we will go to BIB to the usual location.

There is a change in the date for the fire refresher. It will be on **Thursday, February 5th** rather than Friday, February 6th. Those with red cards should plan on attending in order to be eligible for fire assignments this year. Call Randy Larson if you have any questions.

Resources Management

Division of Sea Turtle Science and Recovery

Training of volunteers that will participate in our turtle patrols will be held on March 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 20. We have volunteer vacancies with the program and welcome newcomers, *but the vacant spots are filling quickly!* People interested in volunteering with the turtle patrol program should contact Cynthia by phone or e-mail so that they can sign up for the required one-day-long training session.

Daily patrols to the Mansfield Channel have resumed February 1. For the last year of this three-year pilot study funded by a USGS NRPP - Research grant, Linda Morehead and volunteers will again diligently search our shores for early-nesting sea turtles. They will

also watch for stranded sea turtles while patrolling. Linda will conduct the patrols on Sunday through Wednesday and volunteers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. These patrols will involve one trip to the Mansfield Channel and back to Headquarters each day. Most trips will be done on ATV, but if weather is inclement a truck will be used instead. These once-per-day patrols will be conducted through April 3.

Rachel Blair, a biological technician that worked for the USGS during the 2003 turtle patrol season has been hired to assist us again this year. Rachel will EOD for the NPS here on February 8. Welcome back Rachel - we need your help!!!! Donna is in the process of selecting and hiring the other technicians that will be on the turtle patrol team this year. These other technicians will work from March 22 through mid-July. Orientation and training for the technicians will be held from March 22-31, with the first camping patrol and the intensive patrol program starting on April 4.

Donna will travel to Cuyahoga Valley National Park on February 13 to deliver a presentation there that evening for their Lyceum Distinguished Speaker Series. The park invited her to deliver this presentation and will fund her travel. She will return to Corpus Christi the next day.

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